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Council/PH Committee (*) Budget
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Written Testimony

Aloha Chair and Committee Members, My name is Lisa Lehuanani Chang. I am a Ka'a'wa resident, and I strongly support the Grants in Aid Commission's recommendation for funding for Hawaiian Islands Land Trust (HILT). I'm also the librarian at Hau'ula Elementary and I'm currently working hand-in-hand with the Maunawila Heiau steering committee to develop curriculum to use the Heiau as an 'aina based learning venue. In addition to attending Maunawila Heiau steering committee meetings during weekday evenings, I've organized professional development field trip opportunities to the site for my teachers at Hau'ula Elementary, and have attended an all day Saturday leader training class for the Heiau. To have a heiau in your community's "backyard" is an amazing blessing for our students at Hau'ula Elementary. One of the learner outcomes under Na Hopena A'o (DOE's Hawaiian General Learner outcomes) is for students to learn the names, stories, special characteristics and important places in Hawai'i. Also included in these goals is for

students to develop a knowledge base so they know about the place where they live and go to school. This is the ideal 'āina based project for our students. Most students have little or no exposure to this Heiau yet. The Heiau is literally a five minute walk from the back of the school and by not having to look for bus or entrance fee funding (we're a Title 1 school with 80% on free and reduced lunch), students have an outdoor classroom to learn science, ethnomathematics , mo'olelo about the Heiau (Makua ka'ūmna), and what it takes to be an archaeologist. They also have a sacred place to call "theirs" to malama and thus learn their kuleana as citizens who live in Hau'ula. As they learn about this place where the live, it will connect them to their land and their culture (80% of our students are Native Hawaiian). Funding through the City's Grants in Aid Fund will allow HILT to make the property safely accessible of my students, kupuna, and others in our community who wish to learn from and care for this special place and perpetuate cultural traditions. Mahalo for this opportunity to submit testimony. Sincerely, Lisa Lehuanani Chang Hau'ula Elementary Librarian National Board Certified Teacher English/Language Arts

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